

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SUDDENLY SLEEPY SATURDAY

WHEREAS: Narcolepsy is a chronic neurological disorder caused by the brain's inability to

regulate sleep-wake cycles. This disorder affects an estimated 1 in every 2,000

Americans; and

WHEREAS: Narcolepsy, hypersomnia, somnolence, and other sleep disorders are often

unrecognized and underdiagnosed conditions; and

WHEREAS: The symptoms of narcolepsy and other sleep disorders can cause accidents,

injuries, and complications with learning and working. Narcolepsy may affect the neurological, social, and emotional health of an individual, especially when

the disorder is undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS: Narcolepsy affects people of all ages, with onset typically occurring during

adolescence or early adulthood; and

WHEREAS: On Suddenly Sleep Saturday and throughout the year, organizations such as the

Narcolepsy Network promote awareness of narcolepsy and offer support for

those who suffer from the disorder; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March

10, 2018, as SUDDENLY SLEEPY SATURDAY - A DAY FOR NARCOLEPSY

AWARENESS in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 2^{nd} day of January in the year of our

Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF